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 Pennsylvania, Court of Federal
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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
 HUMAN SERVICES**

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**Agency Information Collection
 Request. 30-Day Public Comment
 Request**

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of a proposed collection for public comment.

DATES: Comments on the ICR must be received on or before January 26, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments to *OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov* or via facsimile to (202) 395-5806.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sherrette Funn, *Sherrette.Funn@hhs.gov* or (202) 795-7714. When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the document identifier 0990-New-30D and project title for reference.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Title: Appellant Climate Survey, Revision.

Abstract: The Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals (OMHA) requests revision to a previously approved information collection request from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The annual OMHA Appellant Climate Survey is a survey of Medicare beneficiaries, providers, suppliers, or their representatives who participated in a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) from OMHA.

Appellants dissatisfied with the outcome of their Level 2 Medicare appeal may request a hearing before an OMHA ALJ. The Appellant Climate Survey will be used to measure appellant satisfaction with their OMHA appeals experience, as opposed to their satisfaction with a specific ruling. OMHA was established by the Medicare

Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act (MMA) of 2003 (Pub. L. 108-173) and became operational on July 1, 2005. The MMA legislation and implementing regulations issued on March 8, 2007 instituted a number of changes in the appeals process. The MMA legislation also directed HHS to consider the feasibility of conducting hearings using telephone or video-teleconference (VTC) technologies. In carrying out this mandate, OMHA makes use of both teleconferencing and VTC to provide appellants with a vast nationwide network of access points for hearings close to their homes. The first 3-year administration cycle of the OMHA survey began in fiscal year (FY) 2008, a second 3-year cycle began in FY2011, and third 3-year cycle began in FY2014. The survey will continue to be conducted annually over a 3-year period with the next data collection cycle beginning in FY2018. Data collection instruments and recruitment materials will be offered in English and Spanish. Total burden for survey respondents is 100.00 hours each year.

Affected Public: Survey respondents will consist of Medicare beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries (i.e., providers, suppliers), who participated in a hearing before an OMHA ALJ. OMHA will draw a representative, non-redundant sample of appellants whose cases have been closed in the last 6 months.

TABLE 1—ESTIMATES OF RESPONDENT BURDEN

Respondent type	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Burden per response (hours)	Total burden (hours)
Beneficiaries	Appellant Climate Survey	200	1	15/60	50.00
Non-Beneficiaries	Appellant Climate Survey	200	1	15/60	50.00
Total	400	1	15/60	100.00

Terry S. Clark,
*Office of the Secretary, Asst. Paperwork
 Reduction Act Reports Clearance Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
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National Institutes of Health

**National Institute on Aging Notice of
 Closed Meeting**

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in section 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute on Aging Special Emphasis Panel; Elder Mistreatment.

Date: January 24, 2018.

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institute on Aging, Gateway Building, Suite 2W200, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Kimberly Firth, Ph.D., National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Aging, Gateway Building, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 2C212, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-402-7702, *firthkm@mail.nih.gov*.

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